

# ELLSWORTH FAMILY HOUSING

## DECEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

### HOUSING HAPPENINGS



#### **BULK ITEM COLLECTION DATES:**

Periodically, bulk items (meeting size and weight limitations) may be placed at the curb for pick-up. These bulk items cannot be heavier than 200 pounds and cannot exceed 6 feet in length. You must dispose of any items exceeding these limits. You may take them to the Ellsworth Centralized Transfer Station. Curbside pickup of items exceeding these weights/dimensions will not be allowed. The collections dates are:

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| * November 18, 2010        | * May 5, 2011        |
| * <b>December 29, 2010</b> | * June 30, 2011      |
| * January 13, 2011         | * August 25, 2011    |
| * March 10, 2011           | * September 22, 2011 |



**SNOW REMOVAL:** As per Housing Brochure paragraph 1.10, Civil Engineer snowplows will open streets on Ellsworth AFB. The flight line and priority roads on base take precedence over base housing. It is your responsibility to clear assigned driveways, parking spaces and sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall. It is also your responsibility to clear a path to your trash cans

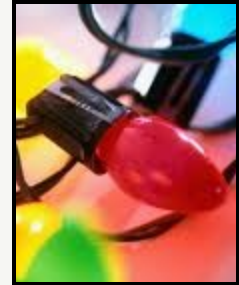
for the garbage contractor within 24 hours after snowfall. If a fire hydrant is located within your area, it is your responsibility to remove snow immediately. **Snow routes have been designed as "no parking at any time" between 1 November and 15 April.** These streets will be identified with a posted red and white sign.



**WINTER PARKING RULES:** As per Housing Brochure, paragraph 4.2:

- All vehicles must be removed from housing streets upon declaration of a snow advisory or winter weather warning, or when directed by a competent authority.
- If leaving on an extended TDY or deployment, vehicles must be parked in the driveway or garage only.
- If snow or winter weather is forecast for late evening or early morning, move your vehicles **before** going to bed.
- If snow removal vehicles encounter vehicles parked on housing streets during operations, these vehicles will be **ticketed and towed at owner's expense**. The USAF and 28 BW do not assume any risk, responsibility, or liability for any damage to vehicles occurring from snow removal or towing operations when vehicles are in violation of this policy.

#### **Did you know ....**



**Holiday lights** can be used to decorate the outside of homes starting 1 October but then need to be taken down by 1 April. As per Housing Brochure paragraph 2.7, **ENERGY CONSERVATION** please do not leave lights on during daylight hours. Do not nail or drill into the siding to hang holiday lights or decorations.



With the colder weather comes unwanted visitors. Please be advised that you will be expected to take all measures to prevent and control insects and pests. Pet food, crumbs and dropped table food attract mice and other animals to your home and yard. Good sanitation is the key to good pest control. If you have an uncontrollable pest problem, then please call Entomology at 385-2521 for assistance.

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**WINTER PREPARATION:** Winter is on its way so here are a few reminders of how to get ready for the cold weather:



- \* Disconnect all exterior garden hoses from the faucet.
- \* Keep your exterior garage door closed during the freezing temperatures.
- \* If you live in a 3 bedroom 4-plex, keep your utility room and foyer doors open when temperatures are predicted to drop below 20 degrees. This allows heat into these unheated rooms.

- \* If you are going to be absent from your unit for more than 24 hours, please shut off your main water valve and open all faucets to drain the lines. If you are not sure of the location of this water valve, contact DGR at 923-5808.
- \* Heat outage indicator lamps (Winter Watchman) must be displayed on your front door if you are going to be absent from your unit more than 3 days. These lamps and instructions are available for your use through DGR.
- \* Make sure all windows are closed.
- \* If your furnace is not adequately supplying heat to all areas of your unit, please contact DGR to have the furnace inspected and maintained.
- \* For those who wish to add additional protection/weatherproofing from the cold, plastic sheeting is available at the self-help store for installation on exterior windows. This material comes in a weatherproofing kit with everything you need for proper installation.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us protect your assigned unit and your personal property. It is our goal to keep freeze-ups in these housing units to a minimum this winter. With your help, we can accomplish this goal.



## Centennial Timeline



- **Provide residents info they need to decide**
  - 1 Jan 11—Leases/Rent Tables to residents (Hunt)
- **Residents decide:**
  - NLT 1 May 11 - Occupants sign Letter of Intent
  - When available - sign leases
- **Implementation:**
  - 1 Jan 11 - Members may apply for housing wait list
  - 1 Feb 11 - Begin requested moves, enter waiting list
  - Members deploying may move earlier
  - May/Jun 11—Town Hall implementation meetings
  - 15 Jul 11—All final AF moves complete
  - 31 Jul 11—BAH paperwork completed/lease expiration



**SECURE GARBAGE BAGS:** Per Housing Brochure, paragraph 1.6, refuse must be secured before being placed at the curb or in your refuse receptacle. This means plastic bags will be tied, paper bags will be stapled or taped shut, and boxes will be lidded or tied or taped shut. Ever wonder why on garbage days you end up picking up the trash in your yard? Most likely a neighbor upwind did not secure their garbage. **Be considerate to your neighbors and tie up your trash.**



As the weather has turned cold, please be careful not to leave your pets outside for long periods of time. ***They get cold, too.***